

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney would like to thank Examiner Perez Gutierrez for discussing the present application with the undersigned attorney during a telephone conversation on November 3, 2005. At that time, amendment of claims 1, 22, 31 and 32 with respect to the fact that the telecommunication network of the present invention is a public telecommunication network was discussed. Examiner Perez-Gutierrez suggested that such an amendment should be submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) since such an amendment would require further examination by him. Consequently, an RCE is filed herewith.

In response to the final Official Action of June 30, 2005, the specification has been amended at pages 2-4, 6, 9, 11 and 15 in the manner as suggested by the Examiner at paragraph 4 of the Official Action. No new matter is presented and the amendments correspond to the suggested language changes made in the Official Action.

Referring now to the claim objections raised at paragraph 5 of the Official Action, the specific objections raised with respect to claims 1, 7, 8, 22, 25, 31 and 32 are incorporated in the enclosed amendment of said claims. These corrections of informalities do not raise any new issues.

Referring now to paragraph 7 of the Official Action, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, 13, 16, 18-20, 22, 23, 25 and 28-32 are not suggested by Bäckström et al (hereinafter Bäckström), further in view of Sayers et al (hereinafter Sayers).

Referring to claim 1, claim 1 has been amended to specifically point out and claim that the method is for providing a supplementary call service in a public telecommunication network. Support for this amendment is found in Figures 1, 3 and 4, as well as in the specification, including page 8, lines 20-28. As noted in applicant's amendment of February 24, 2005 at pages 11 and 12 thereof, Sayers is directed to a communication system which is specific to a private network environment and, consequently, a person of ordinary skill using the public call circuit connection described in Bäckström would not be motivated to look to such a private network environment to

find that supplementary services could include multimedia. In response to that previously submitted argument, paragraph 14 of the final Official Action states that the rejected claims (including claim 1) did not specifically limit the telecommunication network to a public telecommunication network and therefore were broad enough to include the teachings of Sayers to meet the claim limitations set forth in claims 1, 22, 31 and 32. Claim 1, as well as claims 22, 31 and 32, have been amended to specifically point out and claim that the telecommunication network is a public telecommunication network and therefore the arguments recited at page 11, line 3 through page 12, line 7 apply to amended claims 1, 22, 31 and 32 and thereby demonstrate that these claims are not obvious in view of Bäckström further in view of Sayers.

Furthermore, with regard to claims 1 and 22, it is argued in paragraph no. 7 of the Official Action that Bäckström discloses that the monitoring is executed in an interworking function portion of an end terminal, citing passages in column 3, lines 35-51, column 4, lines 49-65, which passages allegedly describe that a corresponding monitoring is executed by the mobile station (MS). However, these passages appear to be related to completely different aspects and elements of the system described in Bäckström; namely, to the interworking unit (IWU) 40 which is located at the mobile switching center (MSC) and a reconnection procedure started at the MS, which procedure is not linked to the monitoring executed by the IWU. This is specifically set forth in column 4 at lines 56-61. Thus, in contrast to the argument presented in paragraph 7 of the final Official Action wherein it is set forth that the monitoring is executed in an interworking function portion of an end terminal (see element a of claim 1), the monitoring in Bäckström is not performed in the end terminal but rather in the MSC.

In view of the above-recited arguments, it is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguished over Bäckström further in view of Sayers. Furthermore, independent apparatus claim 22, independent method claim 31 and independent apparatus claim 32 all have been amended in a manner similar to that with regard to claim 1 and therefore amended claims 22, 31 and 32 are also believed to be distinguished over Bäckström further in view of Sayers.

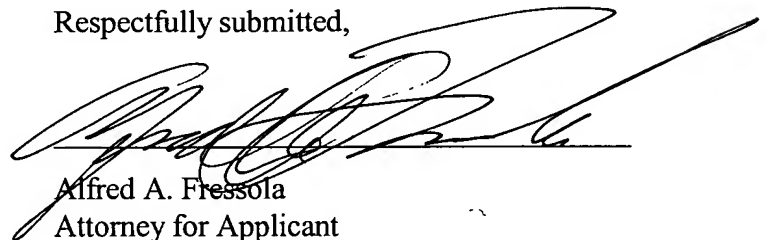
Since independent claims 1, 22, 31 and 32 are believed to be distinguished over the cited art, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2, 3, 6-10, 13-21, all of which are ultimately dependent from claim 1, are further distinguished over the cited art. Similarly, claims 23-29, all of which are ultimately dependent from independent apparatus claim 22, are also believed to be further distinguished over the cited art.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application as amended is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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